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## Plans now being finalized for Elba's Christmas Festival '92

by Henrietta Grimes

The 5th Annual Christmas Festival will be held on December 12, 1992. We are excited about all of the events planned. Let me share some of them with you.

The first again with our Arts and Crafts exhibitors ready to show their merchandise at 9 o'clock a.m. They will be set up all around the court square. We hope to have every space taken. If you know of someone who might still need a space, please call Lois Baker at 897-3813 nights, or Jean Bradley at 897-3125 days, or Henrietta Grimes at 897-2252 days or 897-5633 nights.

We will have a live Nativity sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class at Westside Baptist Church beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:00 p.m.

We will be having entertainment throughout the day. We are real excited about the local acts as well as some that will be coming in to Elba.

Our own Rob Hudson who performed with "Music Country Music"

In Fiesta Texas will be singing during the day. We will even have our own "Elvis" and band performing for us. We will have Geneva Senior Citizens, the Elba Lions Club, and others their special Christmas greetings.

We have several other locals who will be sharing their spirit of Christmas with us during the day. If you

have something that you think we might enjoy seeing or hearing, call and let us know. We certainly have room for you in our program.

Our girls at Martin's Inc. are putting on a fashion show. We know that you will be looking forward to seeing all the "Christmas Holiday" fashions they have in store

12th at Center Stage. Any little girl in kindergarten thru 3rd grade can participate in this event. Applications will be sent home on Monday after Thanksgiving, so "Mommies" please look for these. If you do not receive one, please call Henrietta Grimes or Jean Kennett. They will like to have one, please call Henrietta Grimes or Jean Kennett. They will be available in the offices of all the local schools, Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel.

Elba, Kinston, and Zion Chapel

will be in the papers. Every entry will receive a trophy.

Our annual town lighting ceremony will be held just before the parade at 5 o'clock. Jimmy Foley who has

handled this for Elba for many years will be there to support his job. Let's all be there to support him as he lights the City of Elba for Christmas 1992.

Last but not least will be our parade. It will be at 5 o'clock. We want

as many entries as possible can

make it a success. Please contact

Ellen Lowrey or Marsha Ogg.

Please let us see what you

have been doing with your sewing talents in 1992.

The "Little Miss Christmas" pageant will be held at 3 o'clock on the

largest one ever. We need all the

participants to make this the best yet.

hands, school organizations, Little Misses, Big Misses, cheerleaders, anyone who might represent your school in any way. Make a Christmas poster and come join us for these. You do not receive one, please call us together and let your church help us celebrate this blessed event that has

happened a long time ago, Christ's birth.

If you cannot have a float, you might like for your group to walk and sing as we march along. Come on, let's all contribute to make this year a

success. We will make the biggest and best every. We

will be lining up at the old elementary school on the Troy Highway.

Hope to see you there.

We will have a live Nativity sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class at Westside Baptist Church beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:00 p.m.

We are asking for your help in all

events of the day. If you feel that you can help in any way and have not been contacted, please call and let us know. We can't do it without you. Remember this is your festival and it will not be anymore than what we make it to be. Let's make the 1992 Christmas Festival the best yet.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Doris Matthews, Jean Kennett, Henrietta Grimes, Ralph Bradley and Jack E. Brunson as they look over the plans for Elba's Christmas Festival '92.

## Local residents - beware

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

heads:

Elba Police Chief Hanchey said, "This would be an ideal time for local communities within the city to organize neighborhood crime watches."

If each neighborhood formed a crime watch, it would serve as a deterrent to burglars and thieves.

Also, it could provide police with valuable information in which to solve a crime, should one occur in a neighborhood protected by crime watchers.

Any neighborhood wishing to organize a crime watchers group should contact Chief Hanchey or Officer Dean Blair at 897-2555.

Hanchey and Blair will be available to speak to groups about any questions that individuals or groups may have about organizing a neighborhood crime watch in their community.

## Boothe & City signs settlement - no lawsuit

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

A settlement has been reached to avert a threatened lawsuit against the City of Elba and the Water & Electric Board by Administrative Assistant Pat Boothe.

The agreement was reached between Mrs. Boothe, City Attorney Mark Vaughan and Michael Murdock, Chairman of the Water & Electric Board on November 20th and finalized on November 23rd.

Mrs. Boothe had written the W & E members and city officials through her attorney, a lawyer after she had been fired by Mayor Ricky Haywood, shortly after he was sworn into office.

The letter from her lawyer said she was released in violation of the merit system.

The settlement calls for her to retain her position with no indications in her personnel file of any breach in employment.

A condition of the agreement, repeated in the letter, states that in Section I of the settlement, that "Patricia M. Boothe does hereby release, discharge, acquit and absolve each of her employers named above from all claims arising or created prior to the execution of this agreement from employment from her or from any employer."

She will work upstairs in the Elba Police Department and will report directly to W & E Chairman Mickey Murdock. Both the workplace and supervisor are to be in force as long as Ricky Haywood is mayor or until such time as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties.

The agreement states, "At the expiration of Mayor Ricky Haywood's term as mayor of the City of Elba Patricia M. Boothe shall return to work at the Elba Municipal Building."

If Murdock resigns or is removed from the W & E Board, Mrs. Boothe will then be answerable directly to the W & E Board.

Mayor's direct supervision of this employee will expire upon the expiration of Mayor Ricky Haywood's term in office as mayor of

the City of Elba, is

to any other employee or former employee... (b) Not to advise, counsel, assist, encourage or in anywise participate with any other employee or former employee in any claim or cause of action proceedings arising out of employment with the City of Elba or the Water and Electric Board;

(d) Not to offer any testimony, statement, disposition or affidavit on behalf of any employee or former employee which may be used as evidence in a court of law; and specifically not appear in any court as a witness against the City of Elba, is

and a clerk was not to sign a convention of minutes.

"I don't think I can legally do that," Moore said. He further explained that minutes would have to be signed by himself and the city clerk Mrs. Boothe - and he was then dismissed with her the legality of such signing.

He said Haywood came down the hall and asked, "Is there a convention going on up here?"

Reportedly that was followed by ordering Moore out of the city hall, down the stairs and to his truck. Moore says he was told to stay out of that building and all other city buildings because he was no longer mayor.

A warrant, signed by Moore, was issued for the harassment charge November 25, 1992 (last week). He explained that he had been charged Monday afternoon. He said Tuesday night he hoped this would prevent him any further embarrassment as he continued to live here and conduct his personal business.

Haywood reported to the county jail Tuesday night after closing his

thought he should respect the agreement.

Boothe was visibly upset that copies were public. She asked, "How does everyone have copies of this thing when I wasn't even given a copy?"

Law enforcement officials are cautioning local residents and shopkeepers to take extra precautions during the holiday season.

During this time of the year with Christmas shoppers are in cars and presents are in cars and the temptation to steal is a lot greater.

Christmas shoppers are asked to place their purchases in the trunk of their car out of sight of people passing.

Residents are encouraged to double check their doors and windows when leaving their homes. Neighbors should assist each other in keeping a watchful eye on their neighbor.

**Anonymous phone call leads to confidential document**

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

In perfect James Bond fashion, The Elba Clipper received a copy of a confidential settlement made recently between Mrs. Pat Boothe, The Elba Water and Electric Board and the City of Elba.

The information was obtained after an anonymous phone call to a reporter who had been trying to obtain results of the settlement.

See story on page 11 and 12 of the settlement call for confidentiality on the part of all parties of the settlement.

"Neither party shall disseminate, distribute or share any of the terms of

this agreement with any other person or entity for any purpose, except in a court of law, or at any time for the breach of any portion thereof."

The settlement states in more than one place that the employers don't admit any fault or wrongdoing. The expressed reason for making the settlement is "to avoid the expense of further litigation by any employee or former employee."

This newspaper had quietly pointed out to the parties involved that it was not legal to make such settlements confidential. Alabama law states that public business and public money involved and can't be confidential.

A recent case in Oxford, AL was

cited to support the contention. In that case a lawsuit was filed by a newspaper to obtain the results of the settlement. The judge ruled the Open Records laws didn't apply and gave the city five days to release the information and pay the cost of the lawsuit.

Mayor Ricky Haywood said earlier that he and his attorney and the city attorney were the only people with copies of the settlement.

Haywood said he had a copy in the breakroom of city hall prior to the November 23rd city council meeting, showing it to Water & Electric Board members and the public to the settlement. He isn't sure what happened to his copy and feels those surfacing now are copied from the one which were originally in his working papers.

City Attorney Mark Vaughan said he doesn't believe the settlement has fallen through already because the money called for in the agreement hasn't been paid.

A neighbor who had gone looking for the young man after an organized search was begun.

Reportedly, Jinright was last seen on Saturday walking into the woods in the vicinity of where his body was later found near a neighbor.

Officer Grant Connor Bobby Baker pronounced the victim dead at the scene at approximately 3:00 p.m., and the body was removed from the scene by the DFS (Department of Forensic Science).

An autopsy will be performed in Mobile to determine the exact time and cause of death.

The incident is being investigated by Coroner Baker, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.

The victim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jinright of the Victoria Community.

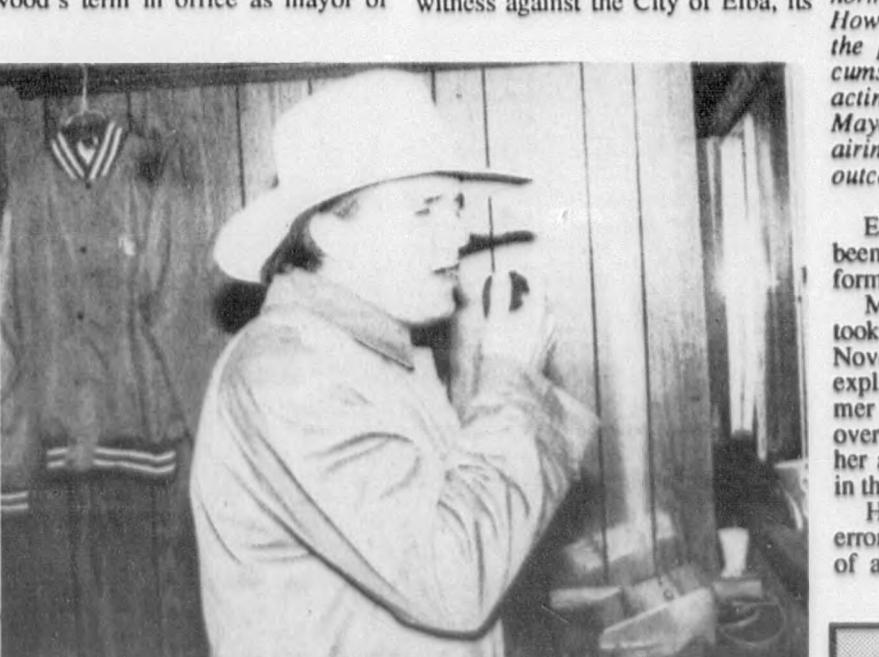
Stirling Jinright was a candidate for the District 2 Seat on the Coffee County Commission during recent elections.

## \* \* HAPPENINGS \* \*

**GO TIGERS GO.** The Elba Tigers will play Ashville Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Memorial Stadium. Friday night's game will be the semi-finals in the Alabama High School Association's "3-A Prep Football Playoffs."

**FINAL GAME.** According to Principal Charles Clark, the Elba Tigers will play in the final game of the football season on Friday evening, Dec. 4, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. All former players and cheerleaders are being asked to make a special effort to attend Friday's football game and join the cheerleaders and fans in forming a "Spirit Line" for the Tigers prior to the start of the game. Former members of the Marching Tiger Band are also being asked to attend Friday's game and will be asked to join the band on the football field during its halftime show. Win or lose this will be a very special night for Elba Tiger Football!

**CHRISTMAS KETTLE.** The Salvation Army will be placing a Christmas kettle at the Big Bear Inn during the holiday season. Elba citizens, youth, organizations, church groups, etc. are being asked to assist the Salvation Army in sponsoring (working) the kettle. Since the Elba flood, many residents have shown an interest in donating their time to help this volunteer effort. Interested individuals or groups may call Jean Moore at 897-2841, Miriam Farris at 347-0881 or B. F. Garth at 347-8690.



ELBA'S NATIVE SON...Rob Hudson sang the National Anthem prior to the Elba-Southern Choctaw football game last Friday evening. This past summer, Rob performed at Opryland's newest theme park, Fiesta Texas, located in San Antonio, TX.

## LET'S SUPPORT THE ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM

## BRINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We spent Thanksgiving Day watching football and eating everything in sight at the home of our daughter and her family. They have a yard man who is a devout Hindu or something. He will only work five hours a day as he meditates or "does his thing" the balance of the time. Anyway, the man has built a playhouse for them in their back yard. He also stuck up some Hindu and Indian proverbs around the area. His religion apparently has great respect for animals. I can say all that to observe that we suspect the football coach at the University of Alabama expects to defeat the University of Florida Gators this week but he may follow one of those proverbs which reads, "Don't make the alligator mad until after you have crossed to the other side of the river." In other words, he ain't gonna say anything this week to get the bunch from Gainesville upset and motivated to avenge their honor.

We have been taking some good natured ribbing recently because we published a couple of issues of the paper without a story about any controversy at city hall. Those who expressed those disappointments can read in comfort this week because that was apparently just the calm before the storm. We have some more "city hall talk" for everybody this week.

It is kind of what we think about our phone call telling us where to send our stuff we cannot afford to take coded messages or letters looking for a back porch at the old school - we did not know which school. Finally on the way back to the office, we decided to look at the FRONT porch of the old high school. Before we got out of our vehicle, we saw that brand new envelope lying there at the top of the steps and it was our "prize." We will probably never know our benefactor, as we had talked with several people and had written notes to two officials, but we are thankful for the information. Without it we wouldn't have been able to write our story on the "secret settlement." We had rumors, but nothing we could write about.

The Elba Tigers performed an "almost" miracle last Friday night. When many fans thought they were beaten, the tough Tigers pulled out a score and then buckled down to insure it was a winning score. We again salute them for their dedication. We will look for you there Friday night at the last scheduled Elba High football game to ever be played in Miller Memorial Stadium. If Elba does win again Friday night, the team will travel for the championship game. Next year the games will be in the stadium being built in the new school park.

Governor Guy Hunt can stop the debate over the Confederate battle flag. He can decline to fly it over the Capitol simply because it isn't historically correct. It doesn't bother either us way, but it does upset many Alabama citizens. Out of respect for those offended, we suggest he put the flag in storage and get on with business. That way we can all be happy,



**FREE BY CHOICE...** is a program sponsored by the Alabama Department of Corrections. The program is designed to help inmates stay off drugs and out of prison. The program consists of a team of the greatest anti-drug experts in the world - the committed users. Carefully screened inmates with correctional supervision speak to people in schools, churches, civic organizations, etc., about their experiences with drugs and what happened to them as a result. On Wednesday, November 25th the two inmates pictured above, Greg (left) and Dennis (right), spoke to the students at Elba Elementary School about the dangers of drugs and the use of alcohol. They told students, "Don't let it happen to you!" Arrangements for the inmates to address the students were made by D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair (left) and Investigator Donnie Byrd (right) with the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 24, 1992, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, two harassing communications, one attempted assault, four thefts, two criminal assaults, two drug investigations, one hit and run, four harassments, one destruction of private property, two breaking and entering of vehicles, one attempt to entice a child into a vehicle, one robbery, and one attempted burglary.

Survivors include his wife, Coen Bandy of Elba, AL; one sister, Pamela Mae Lewis; one son, Johnathan Bandy of Lithonia, Georgia; three daughters, Linda Grant and Johnnie Bandy of Hartford, CT, and Diana Booze of Bloomfield, CT; a very dear aunt, Exie Williams of New Brockton, AL.

Specific citations for the following violations were issued: one for breaking and entering, one for no driver's license.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

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## OBITUARIES

### C. L. BANDY

C. L. Bandy, age 75 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, November 30, 1992 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday December 5, 1992 at the Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba, AL. Reverend C. A. Hammonds will officiate.

Survivors include his wife, Coen Bandy of Elba, AL; one sister, Pamela Mae Lewis; one son, Johnathan Bandy of Lithonia, Georgia; three daughters, Linda Grant and Johnnie Bandy of Hartford, CT, and Diana Booze of Bloomfield, CT; a very dear aunt, Exie Williams of New Brockton, AL.

Specific citations for the following arrests were made:

one for breaking and entering, one for burglary, one for criminal trespassing, one for criminal mischief, one for recklessness, endangerment, and one for robbery.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - Rescue run to Little Beaver Trailer Court (4:30 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba VFW (5:25 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Work Release (9:36 p.m.); Rescue run to Old Riv-Rer Rd. (10:33 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28** - Wreck at Elba Dairy Queen (11:58 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** - Disturbance on Cedar Lane Dr. (9:20 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Adkinson St. (10:53 a.m.); Rescue run to Westside Baptist Church (11:57 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (1:46 p.m.).

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30</**



## Community Happenings

### The Nutcracker To Be Performed December 12th In Dothan

On October 31st Melvin Hall celebrated his birthday with an annual BBQ at his home in Victoria. Everyone had a great time with good food and fellowship. Guests included Sally and Al Reschke from Eau Claire, Michigan, John and Linda Banach from Birmingham, Greg, Pam, Amber, Andrew and Aaron Banach from Mountain, Danny, Greg, Pam, Amber, Kristie Hall and Maglene Hall from Wilkinsburg, Pa., Deb, Jamie, and Kristie Hall from Elba, Stephanie Tidwell from Elba, Pam Kemp from Dothan, Tony and Doris Jane Kemp from Dothan, and several other friends from the surrounding area.

Pictured above (left to right) are Melvin Hall, Mae Hall, Sally Reschke and Al Reschke.



New Arrivals  
TAYLEY MARIE SHOOK



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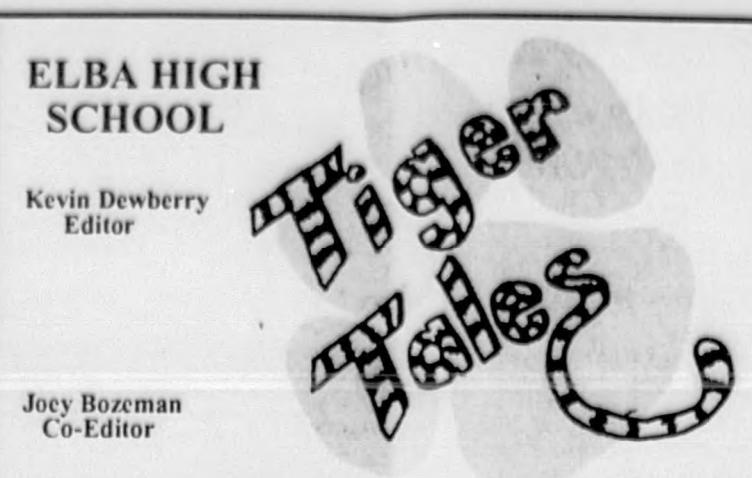
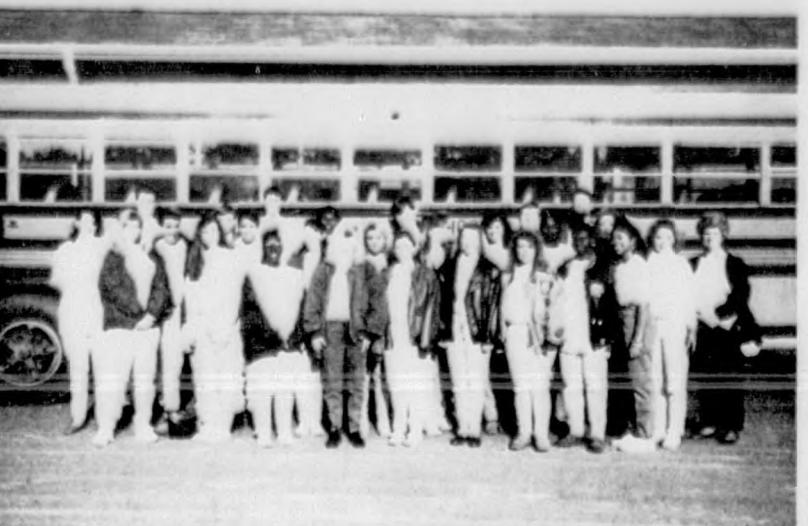
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## Class Attends Commission Meeting

by Maria Williams

On November 9, 1992, Mrs. Sylvia Padgett's 11th grade Advance English class got a first hand look at local government in action. When the class was given the assignment of writing a research paper on environmental issues, the students decided to attend a meeting of the Coffee County Commission with class president Cory Driggers acting as a representative of the group. After writing the swelling paper, the class was looking to do something else. Cory Driggers addressed the commissioners and offered alternatives to the regional landfills. The commissioners felt that the matter should be looked further into and that they should meet with landfill authorities and officials from the cities in Coffee County in order to be better informed about the issue.

Well, it finally arrived. The "TIGER TIMES," Elba High School's first official newspaper publication in many years, went on sale last Wednesday. We feel that all of you will see a copy, we hope you agree. Our assistant principal, Mr. Mack King, had the "honor" of purchasing the first "TIGER TIMES" to be published monthly by the journalism class. Copies will be sold for twenty-five cents each.

## From The Editors' Desk...

by Kevin Dewberry

**BREAKFAST** - Biscuits or cereal, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

**Tuesday** - Cereal or Toast, Fruit, Milk, Bacon, Ham, Sausage, Eggs, Potatoes, Cereal, Cheese, Juice, Milk.

**Thursday** - Pancakes or Cereal, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

**Friday** - Biscuits w/Jelly or Cereal, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

**LUNCH**

**Monday** - Hamburger or Chicken Filled, French Fries w/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Cheese, Beef Soup or Meat Loaf, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Butterbeans, Choice of Fruit, Cookies, Milk.

**Wednesday** - Baked Chicken or Pork or Beef Casserole, Rice w/Gravy, Garden Peas, Rolls, Jello w/Fruit, Milk.

**Thursday** - Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy.

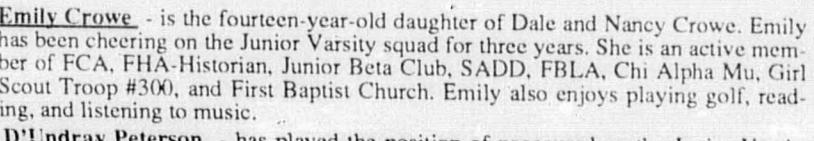
**Friday** - Chili Dog or Sloppy Joe, Green Beans or French Fries, Cheese Slice, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

**Boys** - Biscuits or Pork or Beef Casserole, Rice w/Gravy, Garden Peas, Rolls, Jello w/Fruit, Milk.

**Girls** - Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy.

**Friday** - Chili Dog or Sloppy Joe, Green Beans or French Fries, Cheese Slice, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Emily Crowe** is the fourteen-year-old daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe. Emily has been cheering on the Junior Varsity squad for three years. She is an active member of FBLA, Alpha Beta Club, SADD, FRLA, Chi Alpha Mu, Girl Scout Troop #304, and First Baptist Church. Emily also enjoys playing baseball and hanging out with friends. D'Undray's parents are Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Peterson.

**Andie Daniels** is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Spence and Patty Daniels. An active member of the Girl Scouts, SADD, FRLA, Chi Alpha Mu, Girl Scout Troop #304, and First Baptist Church. Emily also enjoys playing baseball and hanging out with friends. D'Undray's parents are Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Peterson.

**D'Undray Peterson** is the fourteen-year-old son of Kris and Nadine Scarborough. D'Undray has been involved in the band for two years. Dana is involved in the Drama Club, SADD, and FBLA. She attends Monte Zion Baptist Church. Dana enjoys talking on the phone, being with friends and reading.

**Dana** is fourteen years old and is in the eighth grade. She plays the drums on Friday night and plays in the band for two years. Dana is involved in the Drama Club, SADD, and FBLA. She attends Monte Zion Baptist Church. Dana enjoys talking on the phone, being with friends and reading.

**Patrick Scarborough** is a fifteen-year-old son of Kris and Nadine Scarborough. Patrick has been involved in the band for three years. Patrick plays the drums during marching season and the combine for competition. He is involved in the Senior Beta Club, Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, and the Student Government Association.

by Amy Baker

A meeting was held on November 18, for all girls in grades 10-12 who are interested in participating in the 1993 Miss Elba Pageant.

During August of this past summer, Bo Boyd, a sophomore at Elba High, was elected president of the Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association. He was elected from among 750 students who attended the annual meeting in Montgomery in March 1992.

Bo has always been active in 4-H, church, and school.

While the Alabama Cattlemen is not a school sponsored activity, Bo is a school sponsored activity. Bo's achievement is one that brings recognition to E.H.S.

The requirements are a \$10 entry fee which must be paid by December 4. Practice for the pageant will be January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The pageant will be held on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

**Bo Boyd Elected To Head Jr. Cattlemen**

by Emily Strong

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**Speech Class Recognizes AEW**

by Lance McCullough and Laura Hall

November 15 through 21 was American Education Week. During this time the speech class at Elba High School created announcements which were broadcast on WZTZ and over the intercom at EHS. On Friday morning, the speech class served biscuits to the staff. The members of the class are: Soon Barnes, Felisha Rowe, Marla Shirley, and Jamie Siler. They used many different phrases in their announcements. "Public education is everybody's business. It's a cornerstone for our community." "Success in education like success on the football field; in the band, or in your home, depends, to a great extent on your attitude." "An education will improve your self confidence as well as your self esteem."

**Stinson Attends FBLA Conference**

by Heather Stinson

On November 20-22, the Future Business Education of America held its Annual National Leadership Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located downtown new Orleans.

Attendees from throughout the High School were Mrs. Ingrid Clark and Heather Stinson.

The conference began with an open-

ing general session held on Friday evening. Mr. Phil, a renowned motivational speaker, gave a very inspirational speech describing the need for continuing success in FBLA. After the assembly, a dance was held for the thousands of students and advisors who attended the conference rooms of the hotel.

Following the workshops, another general session was held Saturday night to close the activities of the conference. This dance was also held to celebrate FBLA's fifth year of involvement in public schools.

During the stay in New Orleans, students and advisors had the unique experience of touring the French Quarter and its famous Bourbon Street. The conference was fun as well as educational.

**Things You Never Hear...From Mrs. Clark**

by Grant Coleman

1. "Get your fingers OFF those home-row keys!"

2. "Keep OFF the copy-look at your keyboard!"

3. "Today we're going to learn the hunt-and-peck method of typing."

**...Or From Mr. Stokes**

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**If implemented, the proposed action would indirectly impact approximately 2500 acres of important farmland traversing along the proposed water distribution mains as described below:**

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**Co. Hwy. 21 from Co. Hwy 3 to Pike Co. line; Co. Hwy 23 from intersection of Co. Hwy 35 North to Pike Co. line; dirt road running East off 23 in Section 6, T7N, R20E; dirt road running between Co. Hwy 60 and Co. Hwy 23; Co. Hwy. 50 from Al. Hwy. 141 and Co. Hwy. 21; dirt road running south along East line of Section 34, T6N, R20E; Co. Hwy 60 in W1/2 of Section 30, T7N, R20E and all of Co. Hwy. 19, Section 17, T6N, R20E.**

**CRENSHAW COUNTY**

**All streets and roads in community of Seawright lying in Sections 17, 18, and 19; dirt road off Co. Hwy. 77 running East in Section 32, T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 37 from Leon to Covington Co. line; Co. Hwy. 77 from Al. Hwy. 106 to Leon, Al. Hwy. 106 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 37 to Mills Chapel Road in Section 34, T8N, R16E; dirt road from Al. Hwy running North to Mills Chapel to Pleasant Home Church including all roads in Section 22 and 23, T8N, R16E; Indian Creek Church community including dirt roads in Sections 35 and 36, T8N, R16E; dirt roads in Section 31, T8N, R17E; dirt road off U.S. Hwy. 29 at Thiba running NW thru sections 23, 25 and 26 T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 57 from Darien Church to north line of S1/2 of Section 24, T9N, R16E; Co. Hwy. 59 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 57 to Section 22, T9N, R18E; dirt road off Hwy. 58; dirt road off Hwy. 59; dirt road off Hwy. 60; dirt road off Hwy. 61; dirt road off Hwy. 62; dirt road off Hwy. 63; dirt road off Hwy. 64; dirt road off Hwy. 65; dirt road off Hwy. 66; dirt road off Hwy. 67; dirt road off Hwy. 68; dirt road off Hwy. 69; dirt road off Hwy. 70; dirt road off Hwy. 71; dirt road off Hwy. 72; dirt road off Hwy. 73; dirt road off Hwy. 74; dirt road off Hwy. 75; dirt road off Hwy. 76; dirt road off Hwy. 77; dirt road off Hwy. 78; dirt road off Hwy. 79; dirt road off Hwy. 80; dirt road off Hwy. 81; dirt road off Hwy. 82; dirt road off Hwy. 83; dirt road off Hwy. 84; dirt road off Hwy. 85; dirt road off Hwy. 86; dirt road off Hwy. 87; dirt road off Hwy. 88; dirt road off Hwy. 89; dirt road off Hwy. 90; dirt road off Hwy. 91; dirt road off Hwy. 92; dirt road**

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## Town of New Brockton's annual audit not necessarily good

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

Reviewing the annual audit, approving a new budget, executive session and accepting resignation were the highlights of New Brockton's Town Council meeting Monday evening.

The town's auditing firm, Carpenter Bevis & Eberhart of Dothan, had

some good news for council members, but they also had some bad news.

The town received an unqualified opinion, the type, according to the auditors, that you would want to receive.

An unqualified opinion means that in the opinion of the auditors, the audit represents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position

of the Town of New Brockton as of September 30, 1992.

Council members were told by the auditors that there was some concern for the "red ink" in the general fund. In the general fund, there was a deficit of \$36,000. The auditors' words, "this means that if we closed the doors, took everything in that was owed to us and tried to pay everything we owed we would be

\$36,000 short of doing that as of Sept. 30, 1992.

The auditors said that this matter needs to be addressed because "it could hamper the town's borrowing of funds."

Things that can be done are cut expenses and/or raise revenue; tax rates, fees, etc. which the town council may consider doing. It was also suggested by the auditors that the Water and Sewer Board could possibly pay a little more overhead.

Auditors told council members that the Water and Sewer Board is "making progress and improving getting a little bit better each year."

Council members were asked to review the audit in detail and ask any questions that they may have after doing so.

According to other business the council approved payment of the month's bills totaling \$3,704.37.

During the discussion on the bills, it was noted that several of the repair bills on the fire truck, police cars, etc. had been paid.

New Brockton's Mayor Kathryn Holley, in announcing that the rescue squad was back in operation, commented that there was not and has never been a lawsuit against the council. It was further noted that these repairs, if at all possible, be done on a bid basis by a local repair facilities located in New Brockton.

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Other action taken by the council was as follows:

Agreed to extend the meeting of the next regular council meeting to Monday, January 11, 1993.

Agreed to seek help for the Shriners from the Ft. Rucker Engineers in constructing fairgrounds on the land recently purchased east of town on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Gave approval to assist the County Extension Service in preparation of a brochure to be handed out at Alabama Welcoming Stations.

Given a one percent pay increase for all city employees one week prior to Christmas. The increase will be \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

Council was informed that the deadline for contractors to qualify for the Housing Rehab list is Jan. 1, 1992.

Appointed members to the Board of Adjustments for the town's zoning commission.

**Elba City Attorney  
in Federal Court**

Elba City Attorney Mark Vaugn, of the Federal Court Montgomery.

He was there for a pro-trial hearing on a re-districting suit against Elba. This is the same suit which caused the Coffee County Commission to hold a new election last summer.

Vaughn said Elba districts are racially balanced but numerically unbalanced but were that way when the Justice Department approved them before the 1988 elections. He hopes the court will delay redistricting until the 1990 elections.

**Popular Renaissance painter to be  
featured at The Elba Public Library**



**CAROL MCCRADY**

Carol McCrady's guardian angel led her to the discovery of a French book (circa 1800) detailing the preparation of papirus for religious rituals. Once Carol's training was completed, she began growing papirus at her studio in Enterprise, Alabama.

She has won Best of Show at the Little Miss Christmas 1991 will help us to crown our new one and she will be riding in the parade as the good boys and girls. Come by to see him located in the gazebo on the square.

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will be in concert on the square in the afternoon. A special thanks to you because of your effort after being up late at the ball game and willing to play and march in our parade. This will be a very inspirational group and we know you don't want to miss this special performance.

The Little Miss Christmas 1991 will help us to crown our new one and she will also be riding in the parade as our outgoing Little Miss Christmas.

Our fashion show will be at 2 o'clock. That is when Ellen and Martha at Martin's Inc. and all the other local merchants have a lot of pretty girls to look at to set. We are excited about the fashion show and hope that the local seamstresses will join in to show off their hand made articles.

Holiday! Look who will be on the square at the gazebo. Old Santa

**New policy on CDLs  
begins Jan. 1, 1993**

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will no longer exempt commercial drivers from road skills tests beginning Jan. 1, 1993.

The department will accept and process the grandfathering certificates only through December 31, according to the Alabama Statewide Commercial Driver License Unit.

Under the new policy, all Alabama CDL applicants must take a road skills test along with a written exam.

Grandfathering forms received after Dec. 31 will be discarded.

Since testing began in October 1990, Public Safety allowed "grandfathering" of applicants with two years experience in the type vehicle for which they were applying for a license. No road skills test was required.

Approximately 90 percent of the more than 108,000 commercial drivers licensed by Public Safety were grandfathered. However, virtually all current applicants are commercial drivers who do not have the experience to qualify for licensing without the road skills test.

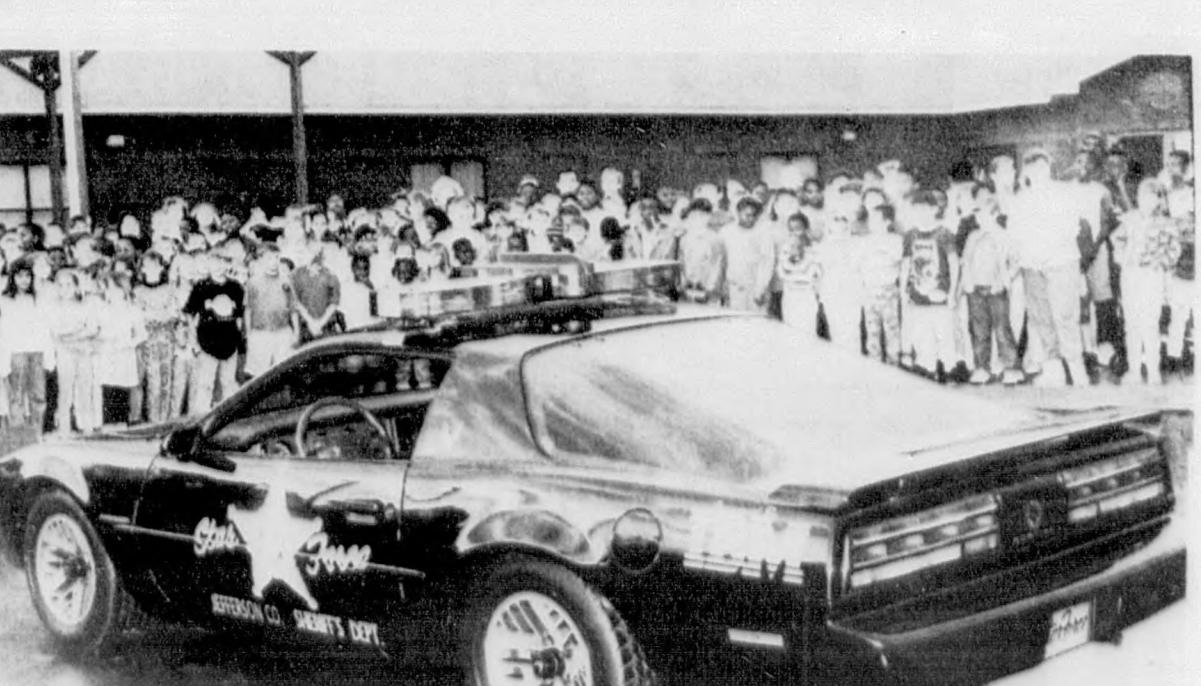
Another change, effective January 1, 1993, is application to obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation Medical Certificate completed in its entirety. Currently applicants must submit only the Medical Examiner's Certificate card, while the physician retains

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**SPECIAL VISITOR AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**...A few days ago, the students at EES had a very special car pay them a visit and talk to them. Yes, the car did talk to the students! Star Force is a 1990 Pontiac Firebird which was purchased by the Jefferson County Alabama Sheriff's Department to be used as an undercover vehicle in the war against drugs in the county. After its short and successful career in drug enforcement, it became the property of the Sheriff's Office. Since the Elba Police Department has shown an interest in donating their time to help this volunteer effort, interested individuals or groups may call Jean Moore at 897-2841, Miriam Farris at 347-0881 or B. F. Garth at 347-2116.